

BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

IN ORDER TO THE ELECTING AND SUMMONING THE SIXTEEN PEERS OF SCOTLAND

*ELIZABETH R.*

Whereas We have in Our Council thought fit to declare Our pleasure for summoning and holding a Parliament of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on Tuesday the twentieth day of October next ensuing the date hereof: In order, therefore, to the electing and summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland who are to sit in the House of Peers in the said Parliament, We do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, in Edinburgh, on Tuesday the sixth day of October next ensuing at Twelve o'clock Noon to nominate and choose the Sixteen Peers to sit and vote in the House of Peers in the said ensuing Parliament by open Election and Plurality of Voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the Proxies of such as shall be absent (such Proxies being Peers and producing a Mandate in Writing duly signed before Witnesses, and both the Constituent and Proxy being qualified according to Law); and the Lord Clerk Register or the Principal Clerk of Session or, in the absence of both these Officers from any cause, such person as may be designated for the purpose by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, is hereby required to attend such Meeting and to take the Votes of the said Peers and immediately after such Election made and duly examined to certify the names of the Sixteen Peers so elected and to sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the Electors, and return such Certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain: and We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly command and require the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, and all other the Magistrates of the said City, to take especial care to preserve the Peace thereof during the time of the said Election, and to prevent all manner of Riots, Tumults, Disorders and Violence whatsoever: And We strictly charge and command that this Our Royal Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the County Towns of Scotland, Ten Days at least before the Time hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such Election.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, and in the Eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 18th day of September, 1959

Present,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

Her Majesty, having been this day pleased by Her Royal Proclamation to dissolve the present Parliament and to declare the calling of another, is hereby further pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Governor of Northern Ireland, do respectively, upon notice of this Her Majesty's Order, forthwith cause Writs to be issued in due form and according to Law for the calling of a new Parliament, to meet at the City of Westminster on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 1959; which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

*W. G. Agnew.*